

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for applying an annotation file comprising:

 automatically identifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation by
user's equipment; and

 said equipment automatically creating an annotation file for the multimedia
presentation, the annotation file containing at least one pointer corresponding to the at least
one desired portion of the multimedia presentation;

 and automatically presenting only one or more portions of the multimedia
presentation identified as being desired to a user while eliminating any other portions of the
multimedia presentation.
2. (Previously Presented) The method for applying an annotation file of claim 1 further
comprising:

 creating a recorded program file of the multimedia presentation;

 playing the recorded program file on a viewing system; and

 accessing the annotation file such that only the at least one desired portion of the
multimedia presentation is displayed by the viewing system automatically.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation includes applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the predetermined set of criteria are based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

5. (Previously Presented) The method for applying an annotation file of claim 1, wherein the annotation file further contains: information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for applying an annotation file comprising:
broadcasting an event to a first location;
simultaneously identifying at least one desired portion of the event at a location
remote from said first location;
creating an annotation file for the event substantially simultaneously to said
broadcasting, the annotation file containing at least one pointer, the at least one pointer
corresponding to the at least one desired portion of the event; and
transmitting to a viewing system the annotation file as a transmission that is distinct
from the broadcast of the event, the annotation file causing the viewing system to
automatically display desired portions of the event.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the annotation file is transmitted subsequent to the event.

8. (Currently Amended) A set-top box including a machine-readable medium including instructions which, when executed by a processor, ~~cause the processor to~~ perform a method comprising:

automatically identifying at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation by said set-top box;

automatically creating an annotation file at said set-top box for a multimedia presentation, the annotation file containing at least one pointer corresponding to at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation; and

applying the annotation file such that only one or more desired portions of the multimedia presentation are displayed by a viewing system automatically.

9. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the multimedia is stored as a recorded program file.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 8, wherein the annotation file further contains:

information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

13. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a memory;

a recorded program file stored within the memory, the recorded program file created from a multimedia presentation;

an annotation file automatically created by said apparatus without user intervention and is stored within the memory, and further wherein the annotation file specifies at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation;

an annotation management software stored within the memory; and

a processor to execute the annotation management software, wherein the execution of the annotation management software causes the recorded program file and the annotation file to be accessed such that a display device displays only one or more desired portions of the multimedia presentation automatically.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation is determined by applying a predetermined set of criteria to the multimedia presentation.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the predetermined set of criteria is based upon a preference of an individual viewer.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to a portion of the multimedia presentation other than the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

18. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
an editor to automatically create an annotation file without user prompt or intervention, the annotation file containing at least one pointer, the at least one pointer corresponding to at least one desired portion of a multimedia presentation based on at least one predefined set of criterion;
a first transmission medium to transmit the multimedia presentation to a multimedia viewing system; and

a second transmission medium to transmit the annotation file to the multimedia viewing system such that the multimedia viewing system displays only the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the annotation file further contains:
information related to the at least one desired portion of the multimedia presentation.